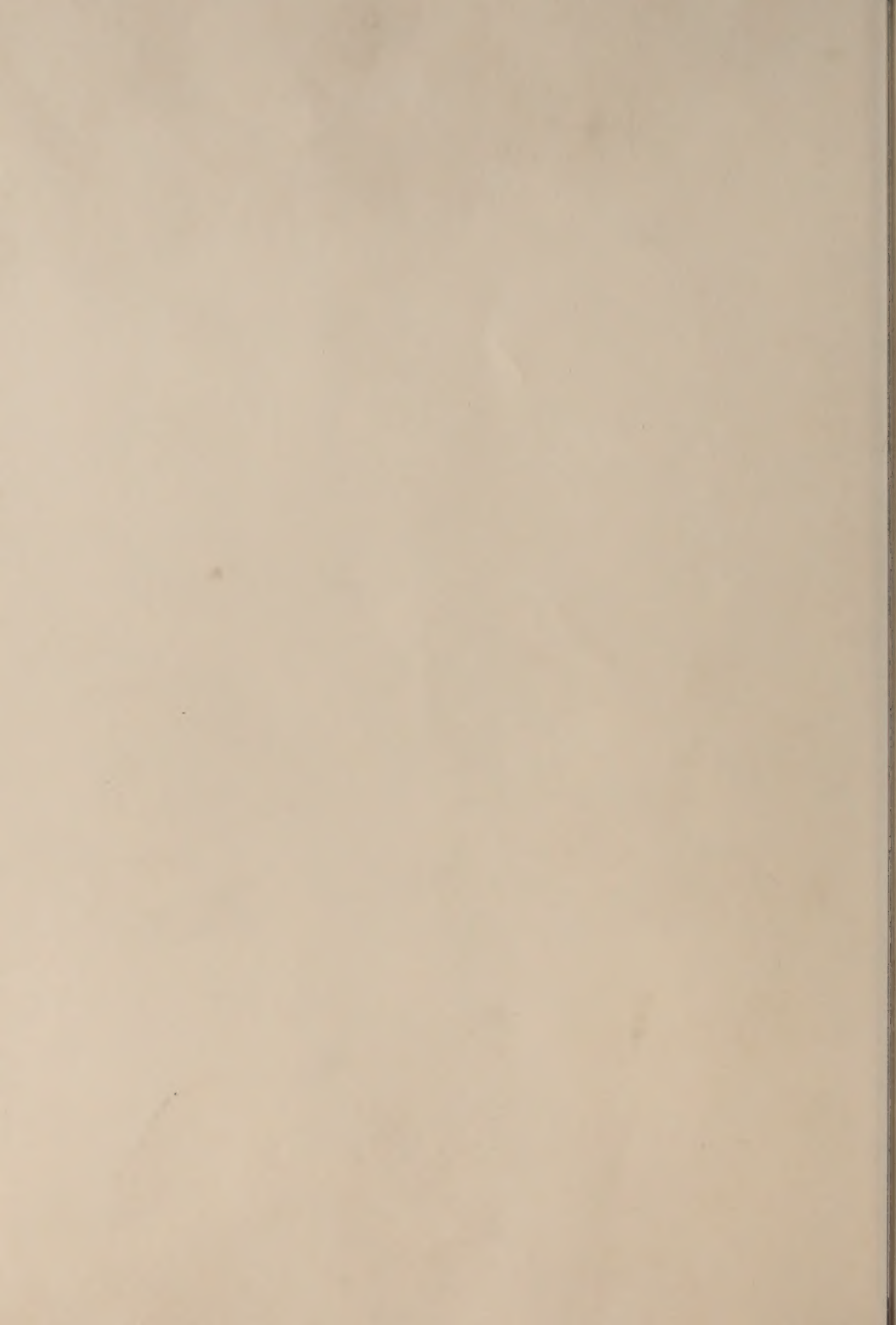


Miss Hester Fish.

Alice to Hester 1905



Cyeng Yang, Korea.
Feb. 27th. 1905.

My dear Sister,

Your good letter from San Rafael was greatly appreciated; I am so glad to hear something about your school work. Of course you have mission work with the children, and of the most important and hopeful kind, for you have them at the impressionable age.

I wish you could step in and see some of the school work here. How very strange

and crude it would seem to you, though interesting also in some respects. If you should go first to a heathen school for boys conducted in pure Korean style, you would probably want to laugh the first moment and stop your ears the next. There are the youngsters, big and little, dirty or perhaps partially clean, with long black greasy braids of hair down their backs, sitting cross-legged on the floor, and all shouting out Chinese characters at the tops of

their voices. That is study -
such studying as can be heard
a block away.

Christian schools have sprung
up here and there through the
country in connection with
the churches and chapels,
nearly all of them supported
by the people and taught by
Christian Koreans. One of the
first results of the establish-
ment of a little group of
Christians in a town or vil-
lage is the desire on the part
of the people to give their
children a Christian education.

These schools are as yet very primitive because there are no well trained teachers for them. The Bible is the chief text book, and Chinese, the proper use of Korean, elementary geography and arithmetic, and cleanliness form part of the course. Every Summer there is a short normal course for these country teachers.

Here in Pyeng Yang there are six day schools for boys and three for girls in different parts of the city; an Academy for boys, having a five year course and about 85 pupils in attendance; and an ad-

vanced school for girls and young women which has only a Winter session of from three to four months. We believe that it is better for these young girls and women not to be taken entirely away from their homes and placed in a boarding school the year round. They would of course be educated more rapidly, but educated, we fear, away from their homes and former surroundings so that it would be difficult or impossible for them to go back and be

helpful where they are so much needed. Under the present arrangement these girls come to the city for study during the winter and return in the spring to their homes for farm or field or house work, wherever they are, using what they have learned in the school to help the girls and women of their own villages. In this school and in the Academy most of the classes are taught by missionaries. This winter I had an interesting class with the girls in physiology

and hygiene. Our greatest difficulty is the lack of text books in the Korean language. There are of course many in the Chinese, for China is a very much older Mission field, and Chinese text books are useful to the boys and men but not to the girls, for Koreans never educate their girls and women. So in some of the branches taught in the girls' school we have to translate our text books as we go along. For my physiology class I took my American text book,

the Korean who helped me
took another in Chinese which
would give him the terms I
wanted, and between us we
made one in Korean, he writing
from my dictation. It is very
interesting work, but slow, as
you may imagine.

Do let me hear from you again,
Nester. I am not a very good
correspondent but it is not be-
cause I do not want to write,
and I do love to tell about the
work here if I only have time
to do so.

With very much love for you
all Affectionately your cousin
Alice F. Moffett.

To Charles H. Fish

Sonoma, Mar. 21st. 1905.

Dear Fatherly ^{and} Little Mother,
Yesterday was my letter day to you but it was filled full of little things and passed without a beginning being made. Baby and I are doing finely with one exception and that is that his demands for food are getting beyond what I can supply. I have been nursing him pretty well up to the present but now, in spite of all I can do in the way of eating and drinking and breast-massage, the supply is not sufficient and I have had to

begin on cows milk and Mellin's food. I am so sorry - I do so want to nurse him through the summer. I am eating heartily and drinking bowls of liquid between meals but am gaining flesh myself instead of making milk. The beginning of bottle feeding brings us visions of all sorts of troubles for Baby but I guess it cannot be helped. He is growing and gaining right along - a pound in three weeks is doing well - is it not?

Sam is rushed more than ever these days - so

many kinds of work are crowding in upon him. He is very tired and is made more so by knowledge of the number of important things which cannot possibly be touched. He ought to stop and rest but cannot bear to do it with so much demanding attention. In Sabbath Sam and Mr. Koons walked out ten "lix" to hold communion and baptismal service at a new group where Mr. Koons has been visiting and teaching the people on alternate Saturdays for the past few months. Seven were received in baptism and sixteen

as entertainment. About eighty
are in attendance and the
people began yesterday to
hunt up a new building to
be used as a church.

The Spring training class
for women is now in ses-
sion with not so large an
attendance as in the Fall,
probably because field work
is beginning in the coun-
try. It seems strange to me
to be out of the class room
but this time my days will
be spent in the training of
our new assistant mission-
ary! Jamie is the most
recent arrival in our Station,
the last "single man" to
be added, but one not ap-

appointed by the Board this
time. God grant he may
have a full love for this
people and this land, of
his birth and that he
may be a true missionary
to the heathen from his
earliest years. How he has
transformed the world for
us! What a different light
is upon all things now,
that we stand and work
and live for him. What
deep lessons our own holy
teachers & our relations
to us loving lessons for
the future. For every lesson we
we for all things as we
we study & find out
our Father's care. And it

we seem to do so much
for our little one what will
not our infinite Father do
for us. Constantly do we
praise Him for His blessings
and for His new revelation
of Himself to us.

I am so well about now as
long as I wish to be, but
am still trying to keep myself
busy so far as work is con-
cerned.

Sam wrote to your father
about the plans for Matilda's
home trip with Mr and Mrs
Hunt who expect to take a
steamer from Japan early in
July. They have written al-
ready to engage passage at
that time and Sam has

done the same for Matilda.
This will be a fine opportunity for her - so much better than taking the trip alone. Of course it is longer than she needs to stay here but we could not plan before now for her return and a much longer time is required from here than from America for one must send to Yokohama and wait for an answer and then have a berth engaged a month or more in advance to be sure of it. Saturday you have given us so much in sending Matilda out to us that we feel we would like to help out toward her ex-

penses. Will you not take part of the sum from the \$500. which you are keeping for me there? I wish you would - it is only right. She has been such a blessing and help to me from the time she arrived, and is especially so during these days when there are so many little things to be done, both for baby and me. The boy shall know some day as well as I can tell him what the care of "Sunt' 'ilii" meant to him in his early babyhood.

Still the good letters of congratulation keep coming in, and some nice little letters

are sent to Jim - which I
am putting away for the
boy to read some day. A
good letter came from Mr.
Bostwick - I presume he has
already left Seoul for San Fran-
cisco and I am so sorry
he could not come up here
again for a real visit and
to see Baby here going home.
You will see him before long
I suppose.

Good night my dear ones.
A heart full of love from
all three of us for you both.
Wilda too sends much love
to you.

Your daughter
Alice.

Pyongyang Korea

March 18 1905

Dear Father Fish:

Your good letter of Feb 14th was received a few days ago and found us all in high spirits and good health with everything going well. Our household is running along as usual and with Aunt Tillie here I am finding that I am freq^{ly} to look after work as usual - except for the extra magnetic attraction which causes me to run into the bedroom now & then through the day to get another glimpse of our little treasure. I usually find him cuddling up to his mother, snacking his life and looking up at me with the most deeply satisfied expression one can imagine. Now I wish you could see Alice in her mother's lap. She is having just the best time she ever had in all her life - which however full of love it has been - wanted just this one new phase of love to be perfect.

Now just a few words concerning Miss Estelle's return. I shall be home soon and then I must start in a lot of work awaiting me. To Jennie - your Aunt Tillie's ^{new} ^{pleasure}

Pyeong Yang,

Apr. 3rd. 1905.

Dear Father ^{and} Mother,

Jamie is growing
finely these days; - he is so
well, no colic or troubles of any
kind so far - he just eats and
sleeps as a normal little boy
should. But when he wants
anything he knows it and
demands it with a vengeance.
He manages to want his
morning bath just about the
time Aunt Tillie wants her
breakfast and nothing else
will pacify him, - he simply

screams until he gets it, but
as soon as she takes him
to get him ready, is as good
as can be. We put him in
his tub when we bathe him
together but he doesn't like
it very well yet. Matilda
says "Tell Grandpa that is
one time when Baby must be
a Moffett. He certainly isn't
a Fish when he tries to
climb out of his tub."

Last week Wednesday when
the sun was warm just at
noon I took him out for the

first time to call on dear
Grandma Webb and Aunt Lee.
He had on the little cloak
Aunt Lute sent out and a
pink hood given him by
Minnie Barston. Minnie is
a young girl of sixteen whose
parents live in Chemulpo and
whose father requested that she
might come here to attend the
C. Y. school with the other child-
ren; so she is living at Mr.
Hunt's and studying with
Harriette. On that same Wed.
Minnie brought down her

camera and wanted to take
Baby's picture while the sun
was bright. He was sound
asleep after his first trial
trip in the open air and we
did not want to wake him
even for the sake of "taking"
his eyes, so I picked him
up just as he was and he
slept right through the whole
process with about ten people
around him all directing
how things should be done!

So here he is with his blue
^{eyes} closed, but we'll try to have

another little ⁵ print some day
when he is awake. These
are very hastily printed as
you can see. We shall have
some better results from No 2
of these films and I wanted
to wait for a lighter one to
send to you, but Sam says
you would rather see this
now and then a better one
later. He would like to send
it by special courier if he
could! I suppose you have
received Sam's first bulletin
by this time, but we are still

waiting very impatiently I fear,
for your first letters after
receiving the cable. Our
next mail will bring them
probably and that should
be this week. I am so
well. Better and stronger than
I have been for a long time.
Of course I am sleepy. Am
not yet accustomed to so
much night work but that
is not Baby's fault for he
is good as can be, he
knows when night comes
and sleeps beautifully, but

after he is ⁷⁻ fed and settled
down again it takes me
so long to go to sleep again
that sometimes the next
feeding time overtakes me.

However I am getting along beau-
tifully and have only the one
regret, - that in spite of all
effort I only gain flesh my-
self and cannot furnish milk
for the boy. The bottle feeding
agrees with him perfectly but
is not the best, of course. The
best of cows milk out here is
not rich. (Day after tomorrow

I expect to begin my class work again, taking up two classes a week with some of the women who have recently become catechumens and have no one to teach them. There is so much to be done. Everyone is over busy. Last Saturday night at the special class for the new believers, four more came forward for the first time. Every day examinations for baptism and for the catechuminate are being held. Reports from the country

tell of continued ingathering
in many groups and the
establishment of groups in
new villages here and there.
The showers of blessing con-
tinue. God keep us in the
right place to receive and
to be used of Him. Oh how
carefully we should walk
before Him and among this
people. I fear sometimes lest
we shall become so accustom-
ed to all this that we shall
fail to realize what wonder-
ful things the Spirit of God

is doing about us. We must constantly grow in the midst of these blessings or we shall fail to hold them aright. We cannot give more than we receive nor lift others above our own plane. Pray for us along this line, that we may be kept in the place of usefulness and of power, - that the Lord may not need to set us aside to accomplish His work.

The Theological class (twenty

one in attendance at present)
began its studies today.

^{Mr. Moffett}
Sam is director of this work
and has two classes each
day so he is very busy.

Matilda sends her love
and Sam and I send a
heart full. Jamie will be
sending kisses to you some
day, but I will do it for
him for a while. Give my
love to Mrs. White and to all
the relatives,
Your loving daughter
Alice F. Moffett. (over)

Matilda says "Thank you" for
the check received. I acknow-
ledged it in my last letter.

R. F. M.

Tuesday - This was weighing
morning. Baby has gained
half a pound this last
week. Isn't that doing
well?

Cyang Yang, Apr. 10th '05

Dear Father ^{and} Mother,

Yesterday was a wonderful Sabbath here with us, - a happy, happy day, - when a large number of men and women were received as catechumens in the central church. The building was crowded full on both sides, up onto the pulpit steps and back to the doors, about fifty school boys being crowded up on the platform back of the pulpit to make room below. I sat on the

edge of the pulpit platform behind the organ because there was no room any where else.

When I say this church was packed you must take the words literally. It does not mean that there are benches or pews or chairs on which people are comfortably seated but that every available inch of floor space is covered quite regardless of aisles, so that it is quite impossible to walk through the audience. Oh, how my heart swelled with joy and praise and thanksgiving as

I looked over that reverent
congregation and as we all
sang together "Hark, ten thousand
harps and voices." Examinations
of catechumens had been going on
for many days and at yester-
day's service 245 men and
women were publicly received.

It was a very impressive ser-
vice. As the names were called
one by one they rose in their
places and one of the elders
questioned them and gave
them a charge. He said

in substance, " Dear brothers
and sisters, before this you
were ignorant of the true God
and were worshipers of idols
and demones, and were slaves
of satan; now that you have
heard the truth of God do
you decide to give up all
idol worship and to serve
God alone? Jesus Christ
the Son of God came to re-
veal His love and died to
save us from our sine; do
you believe in Him and

desire to become his disciples?

Since you desire to enter the church are you willing to conform to its rules and guidance?

You have now ^{world & the} come out from the dominion

of satan, but he will seek constantly to tempt you

back into sin; - I charge

you to pray continually, to trust in God for strength and for the supply of your every need; read the Bible

daily as God's message to you and strive daily to live by its teachings."

These catechumens who are now received under the care of the church will be instructed for a year or more before being examined for baptism.

Yesterday forenoon I returned to my class of young girls for the first time in several weeks; - it was so good to be back in the

morning Bible school again.)

The women nearly devoured me! They all asked about Baby and expressed their joy and thankfulness that I had a little son.

Jamie is growing finely and is perfectly well. He is getting a little fatter but he will not be a fat baby I think. His little frame is already stretching out somewhat like his father's in miniature. He is a wide awake boy, sleeping very

little during the day, but
he sleeps so well at night
that we have nothing to say
about day time wakefulness.
He lies and kicks and throws
his arms and is beginning
to bestow a rare smile now
and then. Every afternoon he
is taken up and given a
play time of various changes
of position, a ride in his
borrowed carriage or a rock
in some one's arms and then
down again for a rest and
sometimes a crying spell

which also is exercise. He
doesn't cry very much these
days. Precious Baby Boy! Oh,
he is such a treasure, - just
a little six weeks old bundle
of blessings. How we ever
got along without him before
I do not know.

We have had a short visit
from Mr. Holdcroft - a young
gentleman from Seoul - who
left us this noon for Syer
Chun. He is going back to
America soon to take a

Seminary course, hoping to return here as a member of our Mission. Possibly he will go by way of San Francisco and see you in a couple of months or so.

Mr. Koons also left us today for a month's work in the Province south of here.

Sam is very busy in the Theological class and is examining for baptism or studying for the next class

in every spare moment. He
is showing the work, too,
and is very tired and
nervous, but he says this
week is his hardest time
in the class and after
that he can rest a little.

I tell him laughingly that
I would see nothing of him
these days if I did not
have a little attraction by my
side! Somehow he thinks
this baby is pretty nice!
How beautiful it is to have

this crowning blessing in our home. The new love only makes all other loves fuller and more complete and Dearest and I love each other more than ever though we thought that was impossible before.

I am still waiting impatiently for the letters from you which tell us you know the news and am still sorry with every thought of the cable that did not reach you.

Good night my dear ones.
We all four send a host of love.
Your Alice.

Monday June 5th

3:40 P.M.

Dear Father & Mother

Walter's name came
in the long journey to
the It will
be so strange how ...
... .. the
... .. to ...
... ..
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of all -
 The young
 The houses have a
 saying to the end
 for days "We shall be
 any way than the
 leaves."

I know it will be
 with a few less
 but you to the end
 it will be a joy

To us to have the
best and the most of
the can about the
and the many other
of our home life
that I cannot put in
time.

I am giving the
and everything else
to my new book
for

"Home"

Sept. 5th. 1905.

Dear Little Mother,

I am so sorry for this long time without having a letter go to you. I began one day ago and tried hard several times to write it but the days were too full. All is well - I have been very busy, that is all.

First came the week of Bible study and conference for our community from Aug. 20th to 27th when we all dropped our own work just as much as possible and gathered in the Academy chapel for two sessions a day.

of prayer and Bible study. It
was a time of great helpfulness
to us all. The two things which
meant the most to me were the
time each morning devoted to
intercessory prayer and the
hour each forenoon of study
in the book of Hebrews. The
book is opening up to me more
and more as I look into its
depths. How rich it is in its
teachings concerning the per-
son and work of Christ!

In the early part of the next
week I picked up broom
trails in the household -
there are so many of them
sometime - and then on

Thursday we were honored by ³ receiving as guests Major-General Arthur Mac Arthur, of fame in our army in the Philippines, and his aide Custin West. They were with us for several days and as to Sir a cook was not well, I spent considerable time in the kitchen. The days of this week have flown I do not know where. A number of things have been passing so as to fill every spare minute. I have not been sleeping well for a long time and so equal to less in the day

time. It is not Baby's fault, for
as a rule he sleeps splendidly
while I lie awake sometimes
by the hour. I am not sick
but am not so full of energy
as I might be, on this account.
Am having summer diarrhoea -
not severe, but continuous - for
the first time in my life, I be-
lieve. Have stopped one article
I diet after another to find its
cause and have come to the
conclusion that it too is ner-
vous, from loss of sleep. I
must manage to rest up in
some way after Annual Meeting.
The house is being repaired
gradually for our guests, but
there is still much to do.

Sam left before daylight this ⁵ morning to take the train for Seoul to attend Council meeting - after which all are expected to gather here for Mission Meeting. There is scarlet fever here in the Baird family - William and Richard the two youngest boys are sick with it but not seriously so, and probably the house can be disinsected before Annual Meeting. I am eager to receive our Smith order and place it in the store room before guests arrive. There must be delay somewhere for it is seven weeks tomorrow - since it left S. F.

Sammy boy is growing big very fast but he is getting fat as well. He has a little double chin and creases around his wrists.

He weighs 10 lbs. and is so strong
in his muscles that he tries
hard to stand up in my bed
when I hold him before me -
would rest on his feet if I
would let him. On a quilt on the
floor he turns himself right over on
his hands and knees but when he
tries to move the little hands quit
the quilt - while the feet work them-
selves around in a circle. He likes
to go to the towns and does not
turn away from anyone unless he
is sleepy or not quite well. When
Mrs. Starrocks came in the other
day on her way to Seoul and Japan
her exclamation on seeing Baby
for the first time was "How much
he looks like your Mother!" I see
it very often now - in his expres-
sion though I did not at first.
We have a new wet nurse for him -

The Korean women speak of her
very often and very lovingly.

I have received the three books
suggested by Dr. Wood-Allen and
the first number of American
Motherhood. All are interesting
and valuable. What a beauti-
ful study a baby is. Jamie
boy is a sensitive little fellow
- very responsive to sunshine
and smiles and love. He is
like a little flower - closing his
petals on cloudy days and seem-
ing never to feel so well - but
blossoming beautifully in the
sunshine. I do hope you had
a good rest after your large
household left you. Am sorry
to think that Leo is not going
to stay. It is such a constraint

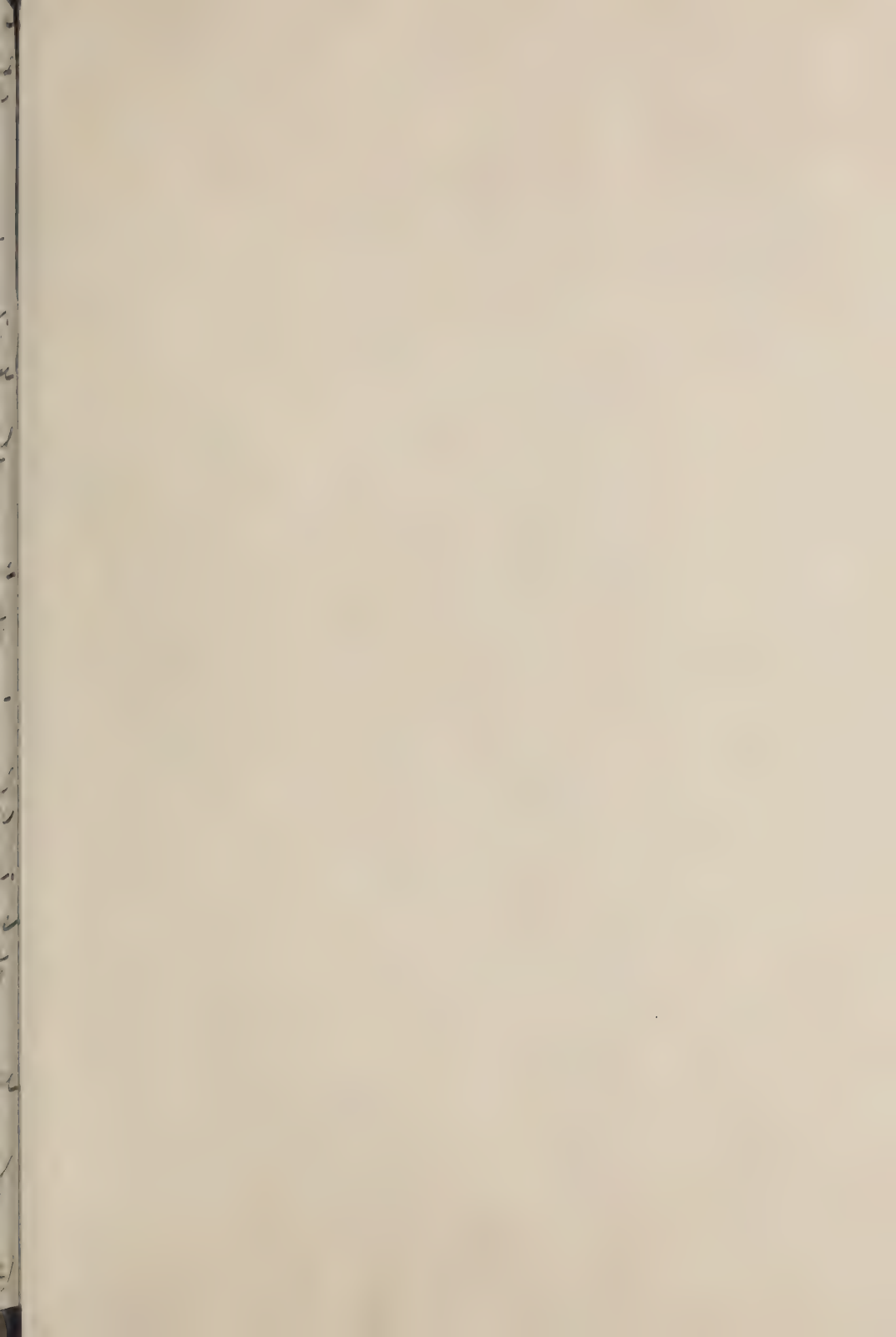
a woman with such quantities
of milk that I have to watch
every time lest Baby shall take
too much. Oh, he is such a pre-
cious treasure, and is growing
bigger and stronger every day so
he will be ready to go home to
Grandpa and Grandma. You cer-
tainly have been having practice
in the baby line - I have washed
two and Tada's four, how will you
come down to this little man!
Perhaps, however, he will fill the
house by that time - he is very
much of a boy already. I am glad
to think that Maudie was to be
with you through August for you
and she could have more quiet
talks together than were possible
when she first returned from here.

ing and comfort to know that
you and dear father, are both
so well. Sam is very tired -
I am thankful for his sake
that furlough time is so near.
He will be better probably when
cutted down to the routine of
the writer's work.

Give much love to all the dear
friends in San Rafael and to
the relatives as you have oppor-
tunity.

Yes, I did send you one of the
pictures of Baby (which you like).
It must have been lost (as was
Leonardo's which Josephine sent to
me. I have not another like it
now but perhaps can have more
printed.

A heart full of love from each of
us to you our dear ones.
Your daughter Alice. (over)



Please forward the enclosed letter
to Mrs. White for me. I think I
did not hear when she went
from San Rafael.

Oct 9, 1905

is beginning to commence to prepared for both. It certainly does pay to have a wet nurse for a baby instead of using the bottle. I believe that is the secret of Jamie's perfect health.

There is growth in Mission work everywhere - oh, so much to be done and so much to be thankful for. The Central Church is too small. Last Wed. night there were nearly 1200 people at prayer meeting - there were eleven who came forward as new believers and after the

service Sam was told that from one district of the city about 50 people had come in desiring to hear the word and expressing themselves as ready to decide to become Christians. Oh the opportunities that it is impossible to follow up. Last Sabbath morning when the rain began to pour down Sam remarked, "Well, the rain will serve one purpose - probably the congregation will be able to get into the church." And it was so - just comfortably filled. Just think of 7 people

pressing in so as to lead
missionaries to say "Why
what shall we do with
them all. We cannot teach
them nor follow them up.
And all the churches ^{and}
meeting places are full."

Mr. Boone says "The crowds
ought to wait until sum-
mer when all can meet
out of doors!" Oh it is
blessed. But it is hard
to have so much work
pressing all the time.

There is no mental leisure
or rest. He seems to be
living for nothing but
the work and I don't
believe it is right. We
ought to have some

time to ourselves for no one can give out continually. I shall be so glad for Sam when we can start for the Homeland. This Winter's work promises to be a hard one. Pray for us that we may know what the Lord would have us do, - what to do and what it is right to leave undone.

Good night my dear ones. Our Father's richest blessings be upon you constantly.

A heart full of love from all three of us.

Your loving daughter,
Alice F. Moffett.